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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Yuko NAKAMURA *et al.*

Serial No.: New

Based on PCT/JP99/05884

Filed: April 20, 2001 (herewith)

For: ENDOGLUCANASES AND CELLULASE
PREPARATIONS CONTAINING THE SAME6A
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 20, 2001

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination under merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 57 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein. Please amend claims 4, 6, 8, 13, 14, 16, 18-23, 26, 28, 32, 34-36, 41, 55, 56, 60, 62, 64, 71, 73-85 to read as follows:

A¹ --4. (Amended) The enzyme according to claim 1, wherein the enzyme is derived from the genus *Rhizopus* and has an average molecular weight of approximately 40 kD as determined by SDS-PAGE.--